Welfare Fund for Agricultural Labourers

2675. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to create a Rs.150 crores Welfare Fund for agricultural labourers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojna

2676. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a social security scheme for agricultural workers, named ""Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojna - 2001" has been launched on 1st July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme was announced in an unprecedented haste as even the basic ground work for its take off, like identification of beneficiaries, mode of implementation etc., has not yet been done; and

(d) the detailed reasons for the haste in announcing an incomplete scheme which only raises hopes and expectations of the likely beneficiaries and what are the specific purposes sought to be achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government has launched "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001," a Social Security Scheme for agricultural workers. The scheme will be implemented by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in a phased manner and will cover the following social security needs of the agricultural workers;

(a) Life-cum-accident insurance
(b) Money back
(c) Superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 years to 50 years are eligible under the Scheme. The workers will contribute Re.1/- per day and the Government of India will pay Rs.2/- per day per beneficiary under the scheme. The Scheme has been launched after detailed discussions with concerned Departments/LIC.

ESI Super Speciality Hospitals in Kerala

2677. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: